

## **Emergency Preparedness**

**Earthquakes:** Trinidad is in a very seismically active area. If you are inside and feel the ground shake, drop to your hands and knees and cover your head. Get under a sturdy piece of furniture away from windows and things that could fall. If you are outside, move to an open area and watch for falling objects.

**Tsunamis:** A large earthquake generated on the Cascadia Subduction Zone offshore can generate a tsunami that would arrive on our coastline within minutes. If you feel a large earthquake that lasts for a minute or more and / or causes you to fall or have difficulty standing, move to higher ground immediately (at least 50 ft above sea level). Blue and white signs indicated tsunami hazard areas.

**Tsunami Siren:** For distant generated tsunamis, warning systems are in place. Trinidad has a tsunami siren near the harbor (not to be confused with the Trinidad Volunteer Fire Dept. siren near Town Hall). Warnings may also be announced via media such as radio and TV or from direct contact with emergency personnel. Follow directions and get and stay away from the coast; tsunami waves can last for hours.

**Unstable, steep bluffs:** Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge. Beware of falling rocks and don't climb on bluffs or rocks.

**Large / sneaker waves:** Sneaker waves appear without warning, often surging high up on the beach with deadly force, and are impossible to predict. Never turn your back on the ocean, even on seemingly calm days. Avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during storms. Don't assume anything is "high enough" even if it is dry.

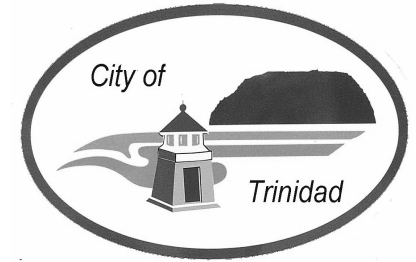
## **Contact Numbers**

Trinidad Police Department  
463 Trinity St.  
707-267-0525 (business hours)  
707-445-7251 (non-emergency after hours)

9-1-1 (emergency line)

**Trinidad City Clerk**  
707-677-0223 phone  
707-677-3759 fax  
cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov - email

**trinidad.ca.gov**



## ***Good Neighbor Brochure For Occupants of Vacation Rentals***

The City of Trinidad welcomes you, and encourages you to review the important information included within this brochure regarding your stay in a rental property. This information will help ensure you get the most out of your stay with the least impacts to your neighbors.

## **Prepared by:**



## Welcome to Trinidad

Trinidad is best known for its rugged coastline and spectacular views that attract adventurers of all ages. Trinidad's ocean also offers impressive beaches, kayaking, fishing and crabbing. Many Trinidad vacations are actually planned around fishing season and what fish are running! State and National Parks offer trails along ocean bluffs and access to remote beaches. Or you can be pampered in the day spa or peruse the Museum and shops, taste local wines or just watch the waves roll in.

Not far from your Trinidad hotel, B&B or vacation rental cottage is the iconic Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse, where you'll discover steps leading down to a beautiful sandy beach. Other notable features include the Trinidad Pier, Trinidad Head, Trinidad State Beach and the Humboldt State University Marine Lab. North and south of the City are additional public beaches, trails, parks and other activities. All of Humboldt County and especially Trinidad, offers incredible opportunities to explore the majestic beauty of this area, easily accessed from an impressive array of hiking trails.

## What You Need to Know

This brochure is intended to highlight a few ways you can be a good neighbor during your stay in Trinidad as well as provide you with important information that will help you enjoy your stay. Remember you are staying in a neighborhood. If you keep in mind how you would like your neighbors to behave when you are at home, your stay should be free of troubles and full of enjoyable memories.

## How Many is Too Many

Please be sure to limit your occupancy to what is allowed in your rental agreements. The City has set limits on occupancy of vacation rentals to protect the neighbors and the environment. In general, occupancy (those sleeping at the rental) is limited to two people per bedroom, plus an additional two people. If you are in a rental located off Scenic Drive or east of Highway 101, an additional two occupants may be allowed depending on the size of the house; in rare cases, fewer occupants may be allowed. You may have visitors to your rental, but the City code limits the number of people that can be on a vacation rental property to a maximum of 20, including the occupants and visitors.

## What's All That Noise

Keep any music and other noise generating activities to an appropriate level. Remember, your neighbors are not on vacation. Occupants and visitors shall not generate noise such that it would be unreasonably interfere with the quiet use and enjoyment of any other residence or business in the area. Any noise after 10:00 pm and before 8:00 am needs to be contained within the vacation rental such that it is not heard by neighbors. Your neighbors have access to a 24-hour contact number for your rental owner or manager.

## Puppy Love

There is a strict leash law in Trinidad. Dogs are required to be on leash at all times when off your rental property, including on the trails and beaches. You are also required to pick up after your dog.

## Parking Problems

Please park only in designated spaces provided on your rental property. All homes in Trinidad utilized septic systems for wastewater disposal and driving or parking on it can cause serious damage to the system. Renter's vehicles blocking a neighbor's driveway or parked up and down a street often result in the greatest number of complaints about a renter. Use the garage and the driveway of the rental property as your primary parking area. If you must park on the street, make sure you are in a legal space and try to park directly in front of your rental.

## Eco Groovy

Trinidad has a number of environmentally sensitive habitats and culturally important areas around town. These include stream corridors, bluffs, beaches, intertidal areas and other open spaces.

Please ensure that you stay on designated trails. Keep dogs on leashes. And do not litter. Avoid disturbing sensitive areas with noise, light or foot traffic. Be sure heed and obey signage.

City ordinances prohibit the collecting or disturbance of marine life on the beach. If you see a seal or sea lion on the beach or an injured animal, stay away from it and keep dogs away too. Mother seals and sea lions often leave their young on the beach while foraging for food. If you think an animal is injured call the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center at 707-822-8839 or the Marine Mammal Center at 707-465-6265.